

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert—calm, probably southeast

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, JULY 31, 1941.

Tomorrow's Tides

Table with tide information: High 7:50 a.m. 16.3 ft., 20:06 p.m. 16.3 ft.; Low 1:29 a.m. 5.9 ft., 13:31 p.m. 7.3 ft.

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Heavy Air Raids Made By Britain

SERVICE IS COMPLETED

George McNicholl Retires to Private Life—52 Years With Railway

VANCOUVER, July 31.—With a record of more than half a century of railroad service—52 years and four months to be exact—George McNicholl, general passenger agent, Canadian National Railways, Vancouver, retired to private life under the superannuation rules of the company today.

George McNicholl is not only the dean of the railway passenger traffic officials on the Pacific coast but is one of the best known in Canada. He is particularly well known in Washington, Oregon, California and Alaska, in addition to his Canadian territory and it is with a general feeling of regret that the passenger traffic fraternity learns of Mr. McNicholl's retirement.

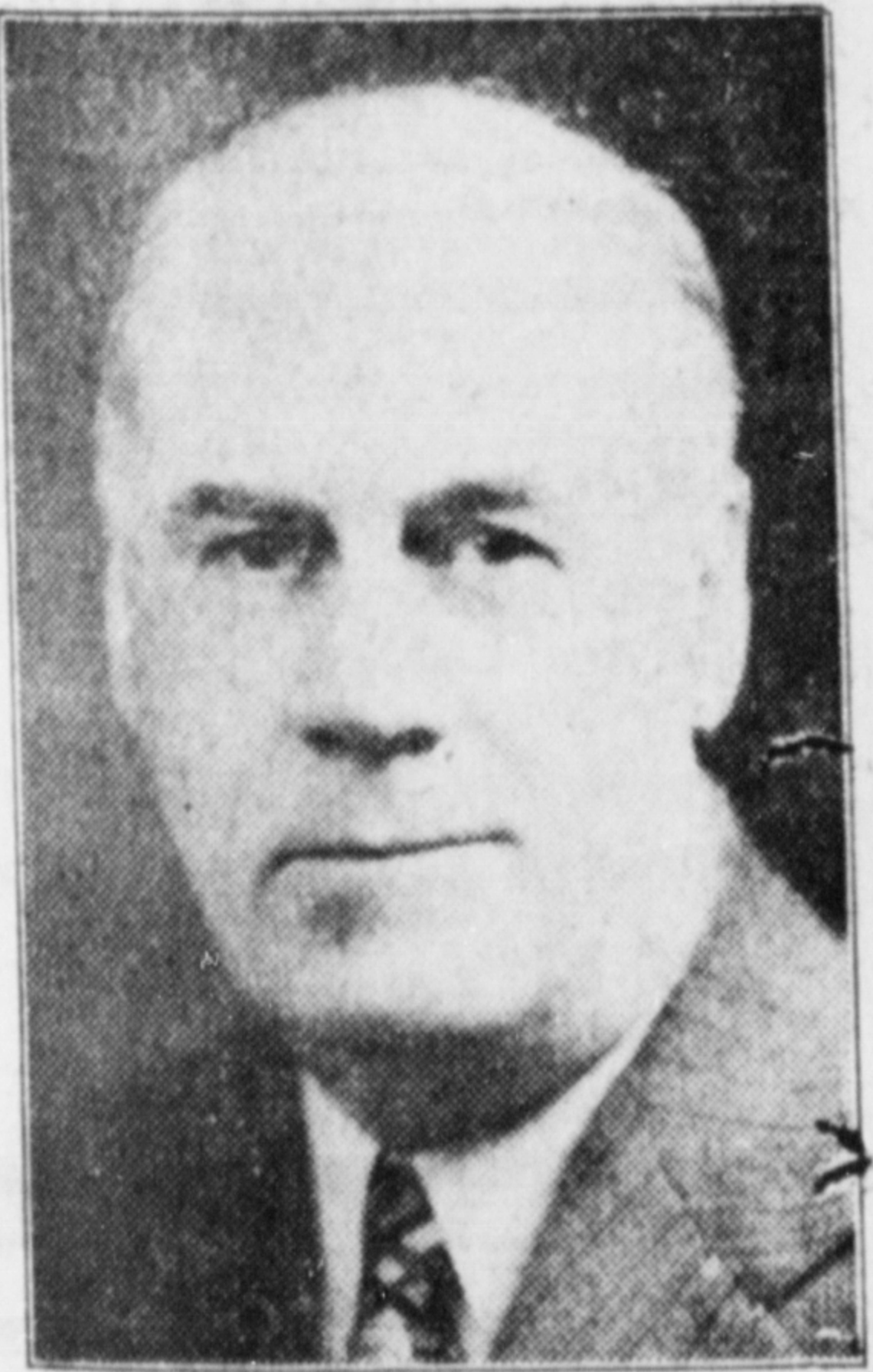
Mr. McNicholl has a very intimate knowledge of railway and steamship passenger requirements as he has been associated with passenger travel on the Pacific coast for the last 34 years.

This evening Mr. McNicholl will be a guest of honor at a banquet to be attended by a large number of company officials and employees, at which time a presentation will be made.

Started at Bottom

Mr. McNicholl started in the office of the general auditor, Grand

Retires



G. A. McNICHOLL

Trunk Railway, Montreal, and after passing the necessary examinations required, he became apprenticed to the company for three years, starting at \$12.50 per month. His first move was to the assistant general manager's office, William Wainwright. In 1895 he entered the passenger department as a clerk to the general passenger agent. In 1896 he was moved to the General Traffic Manager's office, George B. Reeve being at the head of the department and a short time later he was made secretary to Mr. Reeve. Mr. Reeve retired soon after this but when the late Charles M. Hays left the company to head the Southern Pacific, Mr. Reeve was brought back into service as second vice president and general manager. Later Mr. McNicholl was appointed secretary to Frank W. Morse, third vice president as western development was commencing in a big way. Mr. Morse was appointed vice president of the Grand Trunk Pacific in 1905 and McNicholl retained his secretaryship until 1907 when he was appointed purchasing agent for the G.T.P. with headquarters at Vancouver. Three years later Mr. McNicholl was transferred to Prince Rupert

WAR IN RUSSIA

Germany Claims Forces Beyond Smolensk—Red Story Much Different

BERLIN, July 31: (CP)—Chancellor Adolf Hitler's newspaper claims that German tanks, knifing beyond Smolensk, have advanced to within 130 miles of Moscow but the Russians declare that Nazi tank spearheads have been driven back one hundred miles from their deepest penetrations.

MORALE IS STRONGER

Even Though Britain Has Been Hurt Badly By Bombing, Says Kent

OTTAWA, July 31.—German bombing, which he said had greatly damaged England, had served to strengthen rather than weaken British morale, the Duke of Kent told newspapermen last night at Rideau Hall. Britons were waiting anxiously for the day when they would assume the offensive. He congratulated Canada on the air training plan. The Duke is leaving for a tour of Canada to the Pacific Coast and Vancouver. He does not expect to meet the Duke of Windsor.

TURN OVER CITY LAND

Transfer and Subdivision of Property in Section 7 for Wartime Housing Approved

City Commissioner D. J. Matheson, in session yesterday as a city council, approved the transfer to the federal government of land in the northeast quarter of Section 7 overlooking the harbor at a high elevation on which War-time Housing Inc. plans the construction of 125 dwellings for war industrial workers. Roughly described, the land lies between Sixth Avenue and Overlook Street beyond Ambrose Avenue.

Subdivision of the property into suitable lots is also provided for. Terms of the transfer call for the government to pay to the city \$10 per house per year in lieu of taxes.

as superintendent and in 1913 was granted leave to make a complete survey of the passenger traffic possibilities of Alaska and the Yukon. The trip lasted four months and took him as far as Skagway, Atlin, Dawson, Fairbanks, Nome, Cordova and Seward. On returning to Prince Rupert he was given additional duties with the colonization and industrial department.

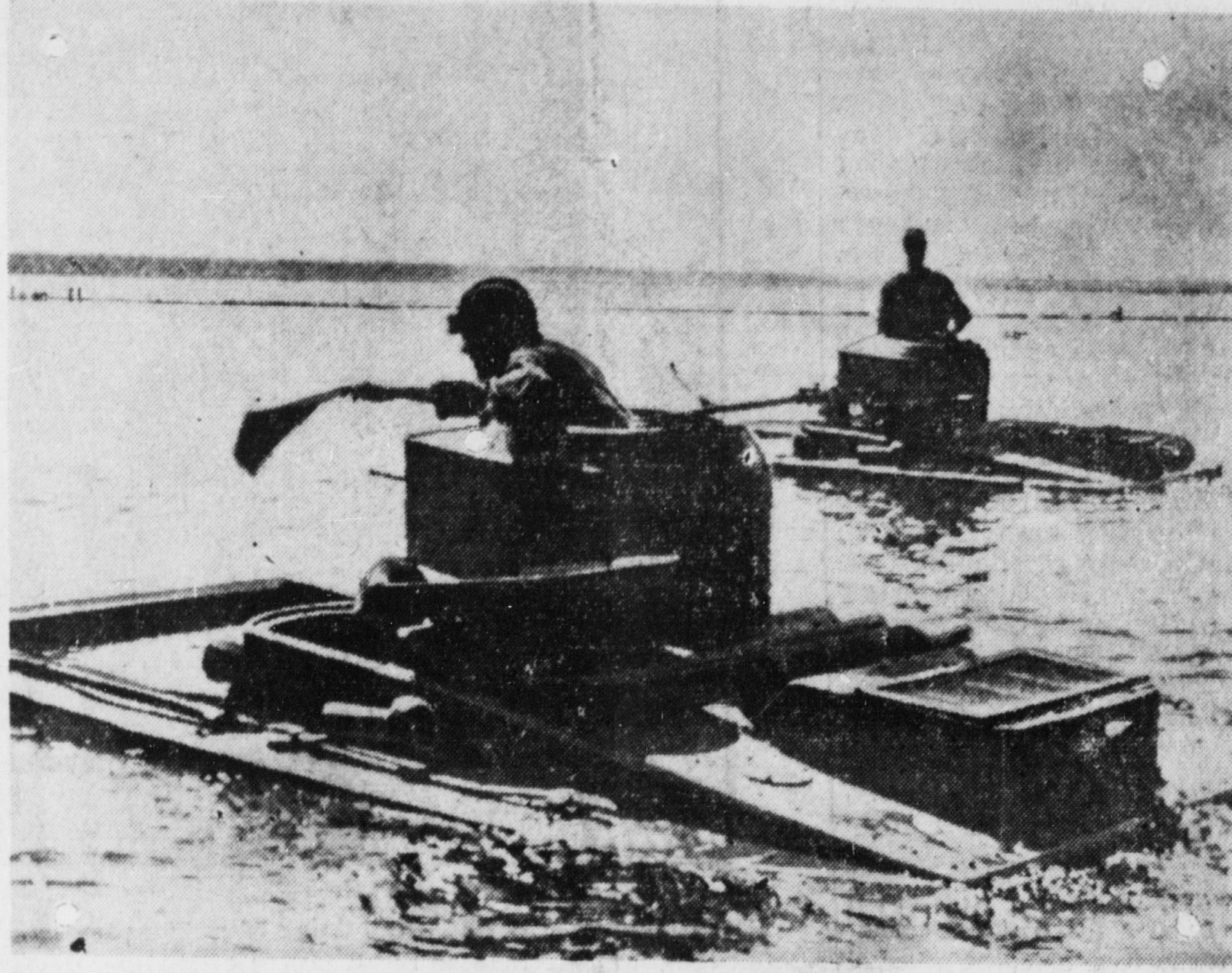
In 1915 he was appointed assistant general freight and passenger agent for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and Steamships and remained at this post until 1923 when he was appointed general passenger agent for the Canadian National Railways and Steamships with headquarters at Vancouver, which position he held until his retirement.

Born Railroader

Mr. McNicholl comes by his railroading honestly as his father was an engineer on the old wood burning locomotives of the Grand Trunk in the early days between Montreal and Richmond and Brockville.

After more than fifty years of business life, Mr. McNicholl looks back with satisfaction on a successful career, he has always enjoyed railroad work and if he were asked for a recipe for happiness in the business world he would say, "start young, pick out a good employer and serve him to the limit of your loyalty and ability."

SOVIET ARMY'S AMPHIBIAN TANKS CROSS A RIVER



Radioed from Moscow to New York, this picture shows a couple of the Red Army's amphibian tanks crossing an unnamed river near the German-Russian warfront.

Norwegian and Finnish Ports Strafed By Navy Air Arm; Shipping Hit

Telling Results From Many Bombing Forays Essayed Yesterday Against Enemy

LONDON, July 31: (CP)—The Admiralty today reported a severe raid on the northern Norwegian port of Kirkenes and the Finnish port of Petsamo in which at least four supply ships were hit. The raids were made by naval aircraft yesterday and sixteen British planes were lost. At Petsamo the attack was concentrated against harbor works and jetties, a warehouse and oil tank were hit. The German warship Bremse, former gunnery training ship, was hit twice at Kirkenes.

LOCAL MAN IS MOVING

William Cruickshank Transferred to Regina—R. S. Greig of Vancouver Coming Here

VANCOUVER, July 30.—The retirement of George McNicholl, General Passenger Agent Canadian National Railways, Vancouver, necessitates a large number of changes in passenger department personnel and the first of these is the appointment of William Stapleton, district passenger agent at Saskatoon, as Mr. McNicholl's successor, according to Osborne Scott, passenger traffic manager for the western region of the company. Mr. Scott is in Vancouver today with C. W. Johnston, general passenger traffic manager, Montreal and a number of other officials to attend a banquet in Mr. McNicholl's honor this evening. Mr. Stapleton is also in Vancouver today.

Another move will be the promotion of William "Bill" Connolly, who for many years has been city passenger agent in Vancouver, to be district passenger agent for Saskatchewan, with headquarters in Saskatoon. Mr. Connolly is not only well known in Pacific Coast transportation circles but is a leading figure in the golf fraternity.

Stanley Peck, city passenger agent, Calgary, will move to Vancouver to take over the duties of city passenger agent Connolly. Earl Bell, travelling passenger agent at Regina, will move to Calgary to succeed Mr. Peck.

William Cruickshank, city ticket agent at Prince Rupert, will move to Regina as travelling passenger agent, succeeding Mr. Bell. R. S. Greig, ticket agent at the Hotel Vancouver ticket office, will move to Prince Rupert to succeed Mr. Cruickshank as city passenger agent.

Ken Robertson, chief clerk in the Calgary office, will move to Vancouver to take over the position of ticket agent in the Hotel Vancouver ticket office. There will be one or two other personnel adjustments to follow but these are the main changes.

Smithers Rector New Rural Dean

Rev. J. E. Whittles Elevated in Ecclesiastical Rank—Prairie Man To Burns Lake

Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix D.D., Bishop of Caledonia, announces the promotion in ecclesiastical rank of Rev. J. E. Birchall of Smithers to be rural dean in succession to Rev. J. E. Whittles of Burns Lake who has joined the army chaplaincy at Prince Rupert.

The Bishop also announces that Rev. A. K. Atkinson, from Malden, Saskatchewan, is succeeding Mr. Whittles in charge at Burns Lake.

IS MERELY INCIDENTAL

United States Authorities Not Taking Very Serious View of Tutuila Affair

TOKYO APOLOGIZES TOKYO.—The Japanese government today apologized to United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew for bombing of the United States gunboat Tutuila at Chungking. The apology was made before Grew could act on Washington's instructions to make representations against the bombing.

WASHINGTON, July 31: (CP)—A United States Navy source expresses the belief that damage to the United States gunboat Tutuila, hit by Japanese bombs in a raid on Chungking, was incidental to a general raid on the Chinese capital although the vessel was in a so-called safety area.

Twenty-Five Million Feet

Timber scaling in Prince Rupert district for July totalled 25,040,897 board feet of which 12,224,582 board feet was spruce, 6,409,573 hemlock and lesser quantities of other varieties. Poles and piling produced in the interior totalled 299,662 lineal feet and ties 25,662 pieces.

IS KILLED IN ACTION

Former Wireless Operator With Canadian National Steamships Loses Life With R. C. A. F.

Wilfrid Bratherton, who prior to enlistment was a wireless operator on the steamer Prince George and was quite well known in Prince Rupert, has been killed while on service in Great Britain with the Royal Canadian Air Force, according to advice received by his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. Bratherton of Vancouver. The young man's former associates on the Canadian National ships have expressed much regret at his loss.

Bratherton, 24 years of age and born in Prince Rupert, received his education at Burnaby and New Westminster schools and was a graduate of a Vancouver wireless school. He joined the Air Force last April and had recently been on bombers being flown to Great Britain. As a wireless operator with the Royal Canadian Air Force, he first went overseas about a month and a half ago.

NEW SHOP FOR ARMY

Ordnance Corps to Have Facilities to Make Own Repairs in City

A new building is going up on the corner of First Street and First Avenues for the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and will be equipped as a machine shop for the repair of army mechanized equipment of any kind.

The foundation has already been levelled and covers about four city lots so the building will be quite a pretentious one.

War News

COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

LONDON—A counter-offensive by more than three million Red Army soldiers on the front stretching from Leningrad to Kiev was predicted in Russian military circles. It is asserted that the attack may begin within two weeks or as soon as the Russian high command is satisfied that German armies have expended themselves in attempts to break through around Smolensk.

SAIGON ENTERED

SAIGON, French Indo-China—Japanese troops formally entered Saigon today and persons familiar with Japanese military outfits commented that Tokyo had sent a first class army. The newly arrived forces are said to rank among Japan's best.

GERMAN CLAIMS

BERLIN—The Germans claimed today that seven Russian divisions were destroyed on the northeast front and a spokesman said this undoubtedly referred to defences around Leningrad. Earlier the Germans asserted that the defences of Leningrad were precarious.

GYRO CLUB CANDIDATE

Miss May Skinner Enters Carnival Queen Contest for Service Organization

Miss May Skinner of Seal Cove has been nominated by the Prince Rupert Gyro Club as its candidate in the forthcoming Civic Centre Carnival Queen contest. Other organizations expecting to have entrants are Rotary Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Women's Auxiliary of the 102nd Battery, Royal Canadian Air Force and Navy.

Licensing Gasoline Not Decided Upon

OTTAWA, July 31.—G. R. Cottrill, federal fuel controller, says that no decision has yet been made in regard to controlling gas consumption by licensing. The Ottawa Journal said that it was proposed to limit motorists to fifteen gallons a month.

KETCHIKAN PACK IS UP

Salmon Production Running Considerably in Excess Of Last Year

KETCHIKAN, July 31.—The Ketchikan district salmon pack is running three times heavier than last year, the cast total being 162,070 as compared with 51,404 for the same period last season. The pink pack has increased from 24,858 to 138,173. There is a slight increase in cohoes but reds and chums are down slightly.

RED CROSS DRIVE OFF

Will Unite With Other Services in National Drive for Funds Next Spring

OTTAWA, July 31: (CP)—The Canadian Red Cross Society has agreed to a request from the government not to proceed with a separate drive for funds this autumn but to join with other auxiliary war services in one united appeal next spring. Hon. J. T. Thorson, minister of war services, announced yesterday.

Halibut Sales

American Eureka, 12,000, Storage, 12c and 10.5c. Canadian D.S.T., 12,000, Atlin, 12.2c and 11.4c. White Hope, 25,500, Storage, 12.2c and 11.2c.

DRIVE IS LAUNCHED

Move for Civic Centre to be Further Advanced at Forthcoming Carnival

At a meeting last night of the central committee on the proposed local civic centre, it was decided to proceed with the incorporation of a Prince Rupert Civic Centre Association and institute a drive for membership. In order to launch the organization and bring the project and its necessity more into the public eye, a booth will be operated at the forthcoming civic centre carnival. From the booth prospectus material will be issued and memberships sold. The memberships will be \$1 for adults and 25c for children. Until the formalities of incorporation are completed and the Association officially listed, the present central committee consisting of representatives of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club, Prince Rupert Rotary Club, Junior Section of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and Sons of Norway will continue to act as executive with Dr. R. G. Large as chairman. In addition to the articles of incorporation, a constitution and set of bylaws are now in process of being drawn up. The committee taking charge of the publicizing of the project in connection with the civic centre carnival consists of Albert Deidal, G. A. Hunter, G. T. German and A. S. Nickerson.